

In Council, 3rd March, 1781

233. Sir, We had the Honor of addressing you on the third Instant since which we are favored with yours of the same Date. We are fully impressed with the advantages which the State in general and many Cities in particular will derive from the success of the Expedition which you have the Conduct of, and truly lament the Difficulties which have occurred. We however flatter ourselves the Movement of your Detachment will not be much retarded on that Score, as the Wind has been so favorable for some Time past as to give a Number of Vessels impressed in this Port and Baltimore Town an Opportunity of getting to the Head of Elk. We beg leave to renew the Assurances already given that every Coercion in the Power of this State shall be cheerfully made to remove the Difficulties you may apprehend in transporting the Troops down the Bay. It will give us the highest Pleasure to have any Share of the Accomplishment of your Projects attributed to the Coercions of Maryland. We have prepared a Dispatch Boat to convey your Letter to the Commanding Officer near Portsmouth which will be sent off as soon as the Winds will permit and have given Directions to the Master to throw it over Board if he should be in Danger of being taken.

The Honble Major General Marquis de la Fayette.

In Council, 5th March, 1781.

234. Sir, (You will deliver to George Muddock Esq. all the Flour and Grain in your Hands as Commissioner of Frederick County taking his Receipt for the same.)

Mr Tho. Beatty.

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235. Sir, Mr. Thomas Beatty informs us he has in his Possession, as one of the Commissioners appointed under the Act for the immediate Supply &c. about Seventy Barrells of Flour and five hundred Bushels of Rye which we directed him to deliver to you to be issued out to the Convention Troops at Frederick Town. It is out of our Power to supply you with Money at this Time.

George Muddock Esq.